

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS/Final Passage

SUBJECT: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997 . . . H.R. 3754. Final passage, as amended.

ACTION: BILL PASSED, 93-6

SYNOPSIS: As passed, H.R. 3754, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997, will appropriate \$2.165 billion, which is \$22.3 million less than provided for fiscal year (FY) 1996, and which is \$174.3 million less than requested. Appropriations will be as follows:

- \$441.2 million for Senate operations;
- \$683.8 million for House operations;
- \$84.2 million for joint items;
- \$140.1 million for the Architect of the Capitol, excluding library/grounds funding;
- \$10.5 million for the Architect of the Capitol, library building and grounds;
- \$62.6 million for the Congressional Research Service;
- \$269.1 million for the Library of Congress (excluding CRS);
- \$332.5 million for the General Accounting Office; this amount is \$41.9 million less than appropriated last year, and is 25 percent less than provided in FY 1995;
- \$81.7 million for the Government Printing Office's (GPO's) congressional operations;
- \$29.1 million for other GPO operations;
- \$24.8 million for the Congressional Budget Office (CBO);
- \$0 for the Office of Technology Assessment; and
- \$2.9 million for the Botanical Gardens.

Other provisions:

- appropriated funds will not be used for the service and maintenance of private vehicles except as allowed by the Senate Rules Committee and House Oversight Committee;

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YEAS (93)				NAYS (6)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (49 or 94%)		Democrats (44 or 94%)		Republicans (3 or 6%)	Democrats (3 or 6%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Inhofe	Akaka	Johnston	Brown	Conrad	Frahm- ²	
Ashcroft	Jeffords	Baucus	Kennedy	Faircloth	Heflin		
Bennett	Kassebaum	Biden	Kerrey	Gramm	Wellstone		
Bond	Kempthorne	Bingaman	Kerry				
Burns	Kyl	Boxer	Kohl				
Campbell	Lott	Bradley	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lugar	Breaux	Leahy				
Coats	Mack	Bryan	Levin				
Cochran	McCain	Bumpers	Lieberman				
Cohen	McConnell	Byrd	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Murkowski	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Nickles	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Pressler	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Roth	Exon	Nunn				
Domenici	Santorum	Feingold	Pell				
Frist	Shelby	Feinstein	Pryor				
Gorton	Simpson	Ford	Reid				
Grams	Smith	Glenn	Robb				
Grassley	Snowe	Graham	Rockefeller				
Gregg	Specter	Harkin	Sarbanes				
Hatch	Stevens	Hollings	Simon				
Hatfield	Thomas	Inouye	Wyden				
Helms	Thompson						
Hutchison	Thurmond						
	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

- the current 1-year restriction on lobbying by former Members and senior congressional staffers will be changed to a 2-year restriction, and in some cases to a 5-year restriction;
- Capitol police officers will be permitted to elect to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation for hours worked over their maximum hours; and
- Hatch Act restrictions will be eased to permit Members of Congress to write recommendations for civil servant applicants.

Those favoring final passage contended:

We are pleased to vote in favor of final passage of this bill. Over the past 2 years, we in Congress have shown on this bill that we are willing to do our part in the battle to cut spending. This appropriations bill is the smallest of the annual appropriations bills, but in the last 2 years we will have cut its spending by half a billion dollars. On a percentage basis, Congress has cut more spending on itself than it has cut anywhere else in Government. The legislative branch agencies that have had to absorb deep cuts have done so prudently. The General Accounting Office, which has had to cut spending by 25 percent, deserves special praise for adjusting to a smaller size with so little disruption in its services. We are confident that Senators will find this bill to be meritorious, and will join us in voting in favor of final passage.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to final passage.